

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the application in view of this Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. If the Examiner has any questions or matters that can be expediently handled by telephone, he or she is encouraged to contact Mr. Wechkin, attorney for the Applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

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## APPENDIX – SPECIFICATION

Paragraph 1, CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS:

This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. [60/202,582] 60/202,583, filed May 9, 2000 and incorporated herein in its entirety by reference.

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